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## In Our New Home at Last

By MARCIA E. TURNER

THE building is done and before you read this, we shall be moving in, bag and baggage. There'll be a regular exodus from Physics Building of Applied Art, Textiles and Clothing and Vocational Education; from "Old Ag" of the Homemaker's Unit; from the annexes and studios (otherwise known as the "shacks") of Institutional, and an overflow group from Art and Clothing, and from "Ag" Engineering Building of the Household Equipment—all moving home! We suspect that the kind neighbors who have so unselfishly housed us for so long will be quite as happy as we are.

Of course you would like to know all about the new building as it stands completed, and each of the letters from the different departments tells about the part of the building occupied by that particular department.

You know, of course, that the original building which you knew so well has been incorporated as the west wing of the structure, and having been refaced with Bedford stone and otherwise changed it looks on the outside exactly like the corresponding new east wing. The central portion and east wing extend over the former site of the Sloss home, almost to Old Agricultural Hall, and the building faces south on the beautiful main quadrangle of the campus. In design the building is, in the phrasing of Dean Richardson, "a happy combination of Renaissance and American Colonial, the one for dignity, the other for hospitality." The building harmonizes

with the other main buildings on the campus, yet is distinctive enough in its simplicity and dignity to express the ideals of Home Economics. Unfortunately, it has not yet been found possible to get a good picture of the building from the front, because of the presence of Margaret Hall so close in the foreground. You will be interested to know that very shortly the old portion of Margaret Hall where the kitchen is located and with the old demonstrations laboratory above it, is to be torn down. The effect will be to improve the appearance of Margaret Hall and to add to the sightliness of our "front yard." Also, it will enable the photographer to place his camera so as to get a full view of Home Economics Hall.

It was easier to give a description of the building while it was in the blueprint stage. Then we knew in imagination just how it was to look! Now, walking thru the building, one gasps with the futility of finding words that will do justice to the splendid reality.

It will be enough to mention briefly some of the outstanding features of the building with their locations and let you enjoy the lovely details first hand when you come in June.

On the ground floor are the charming tea rooms which Mrs. Linda Spence Brown so modestly tells you about; the equipment laboratory which is a veritable rest room with its labor saving devices; the vocational education laboratory and offices, and a janitor's apartment so that the

building will be well cared for always.

The first floor contains the administrative offices; the unit kitchens; rooms for seminar and for student activities; and most wonderful to relate, our own auditorium with a seating capacity of 1100. No longer shall we need to borrow Agricultural Assembly! The auditorium extends thru two stories and there is a large, well equipped stage, with accompanying dressing rooms. The floor is level and the room will thus be easily convertible for banquets and large receptions. The room under the balcony may be closed off by means of accordion doors. The walls are wood panelled and there is a large fireplace. The first use of this room was, quite appropriately, an Omicron Nu initiation.

The second floor is given over to textiles, millinery and dress making laboratories, and to the foods and nutrition dining rooms, marketing and research laboratory.

The third floor, which extends over the central portion of the building, is devoted to art studios, already pictured to you by Miss Hansen.

A great building! And yet, to quote Dean Richardson again, "The architect has caught the spirit of Home Economics, and he has put into the building something of the graciousness and feminine charm which distinguishes a great palace from a public building. In short, it is a building which has crystallized in stone, the spirit, the aims and the ideals of Home Economics at Iowa State College."

## Household Equipment

By ELOISE DAVISON

Assoc. Professor of Home Economics.

"SCRUB LAB" will never be the same again! Wait till you see the beautiful new laboratories in the new building and I'm sure you'll agree! Not only will you agree, but you'll yearn to come back again and begin all new again. Room 13 is to be equipped with some of the best household labor saving equipment, both large and small, that can be found on the market today. (This equipment is already being studied by the students in our temporary quarters in the Agricultural Engineering building.)

Next door to room 13 is a real live research laboratory in which students will train some pieces of this equipment in some new tricks.

Besides our regular courses and research work for graduate students there is an interesting and challenging problem under way on three rural electric lines near Garner, Iowa. Here electrical household equipment is under test in farm homes. The problems which arise in this field laboratory are brought into our college laboratories for further careful study.

The whole scheme for these household administration courses in equipment is to attempt to analyze the routine processes which make up the mechanics of living and reduce them to their lowest terms in time and energy.

Don't fail to stop in and see what's going on in our end of the building when you come back to Ames.

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